EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, Austin, June 3, 1873.

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

Sir: I return to the Senate, where it originated, the act entitled "An act to authorize the County Court of Washington county to issue bonds for the purpose of funding the indebtedness of said county contracted for the building of a jail, and to provide for their payment."

This act proposes to authorize the issuance of the bonds of Washington county in payment of a certain indebted-

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ness, which bonds are to bear the usurious interest of fifteen per cent. per annum.

It must be remembered that Washington county is one

of the richest in the State.

It is apparent that this must be a "job" gotten up for the benefit of some greedy money lender or extortionate creditor of that county.

I respectfully ask that it be reconsidered.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.